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The Library Freedom Act

Libraries have the freedom to acquire their collections.

Libraries have the freedom to circulate materials in their collections.

Libraries guarantee the privacy of their patrons.

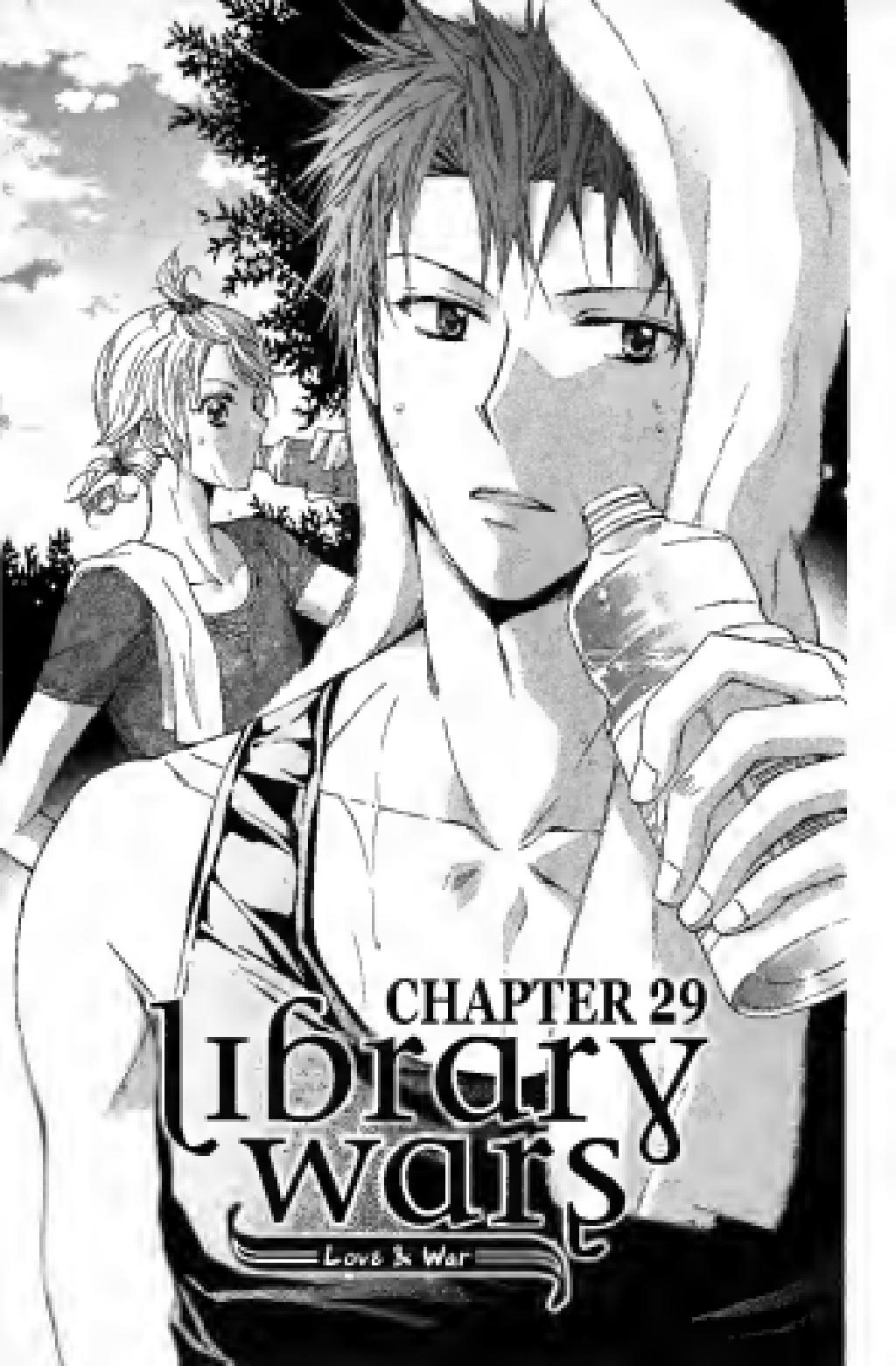
Libraries oppose any type of censorship.

When libraries are imperiled,
librarians will join together
to secure their freedom.





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wars



CHAPTER 29

Urgency

Wars

Love & War



Brother.

A long time ago
he was my hero.
I wanted to be
just like him.

Brother.

HELLO,
MA'AM.

NAKAZAWA

COME
ON IN,
MIKHISA!



1.





SELF
CON-
TROL...

IT'S HARD
FOR BOTH
OF US.

MARIE.

YOU SAID IN YOUR
EMAIL
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
YOU WANTED
TO SHOW
ME.

WHAT
IS IT?

TEE
HEE

ATSUSHI
DOJO



IT'S...

...THIS
WEBSITE.



REVIEWS

I DON'T
REMEMBER
SEEING THIS
ON THE
MUSASHINO
LIBRARY
WEBSITE.

THE EXPERT READER'S REVIEW

The author's point is never made clear

Wakeful Knight by Amy Kondo

Summary ■■■■■

■■■■■

Review: A bit down-right self-righteous and well, it total waste of time. If you're bored to death, you wouldn't even bother.

Rabbit by Chica Umino

Summary ■■■

HERE'S A
REVIEW OF
THE
COUNTRY
OF THE
RAINTREE.

The Country



IT'S A
SECTION WHERE
YOU CAN READ
BOOK REVIEWS
WRITTEN BY A
LIBRARIAN.
THE REVIEWER
HAS A
RATHER BITING
TONE.

IT'S
NEW.
I DIDN'T
KNOW
ABOUT IT
UNTIL
TODAY.

ER

HARSH.

I DON'T
BLAME MARS
FOR BEING
UPSET.

THIS WOULDNT
BE A PROBLEM
IF IT WERE
POSTED ON AN
INDEPENDENT
WEBSITE
But, it's not my
kind of thing

AND
WHAT'S
YOUR
OPINION?

IT'S A
DIFFERENT
STORY WHEN
PRESENTED
AS THE
OPINION OF
THE LIBRARY
ITSELF.

This novel is flat-out shallow. With a handicapped main character, it's for the bleeding hearts. I mean, it's too blatant. The author's intention is obscenely obvious. The characters have little to no substance and it was hard for me to relate to them. I've read everything she's written so far, but this is the end for her. She doesn't have the talent to recover from this flop. It's not worth your money. Borrow it from the library if you must read it.



HUH? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

BUT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BE OFFENDED BY OUR CHOICE OF BOOKS TO RECOMMEND.

You don't make much sense.

...

THAT SECTION DOESN'T INCLUDE CRITICAL COMMENTARY. OURS IS A PUBLIC SERVICE WEBSITE. HAVING IT FEATURE RANDY COMMENTS IS NOT A GOOD IDEA.

BUT THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE ALSO HAS A SECTION THAT RECOMMENDS BOOKS.

IF THAT'S OKAY, THEN WHY NOT THIS?

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CONCERN'S HER.

I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I CAN BE UNBIASED ON THE ISSUE.

SORRY.

Heh.
LOVE IS BLIND...
LOVE IS BLINDING.



HER HEART IS
FIXATED ON THE
IDEALIZED IMAGE
OF A MYTHICAL
SERGEANT.
SHE'S BEEN
CHERISHING
FOR THE PAST
FIVE YEARS.
NOT ME.

Who?

SO
SHUT
UP!

SHE
TOOK
YOU
THAT?

I'LL
PUNCH
THAT...

I
LIKE
HIM.

...STUPID
LOOK
OFF YOUR
FACE!

COME
ON IN

HELLO
IT'S
TEKUMA,
SER.

WHAT?
WHAT
LOOK?

ANYWAY...

Hello,
Tekuma

I just came
for a drink.

O-OKAY.

JUST
THE MAN
I WAS
LOOKING
FOR.
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS.

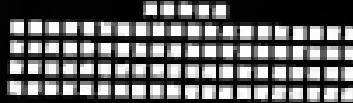
And forget
what you just
said!

DO YOU
SEE THE
AUTHOR'S
NAME AT
THE
BOTTOM?

I DIDN'T
NOTICE IT
AT FIRST.

Brainan Kazuki Sunagawa

THE EXPERT READER'S REVIEW



ISN'T
SUNAGAWA
YOUR
ROOMMATE,
TEZUKA?

DID HE
WRITE
THESE?

HE'S
IN THE
SAME
YEAR
AS ME.

HE
IS.



WE NEED MORE INFORMATION BEFORE I CAN NOTIFY THE CHIEF. WILL YOU TALK TO SUNAGAWA?

THIS WEB PAGE COULD CAUSE SOME TROUBLE.

YOU SOUND SURPRISED.

HE'S A QUIET GUY. NOTHING LIKE THIS WEB PAGE INDICATES...

Not that I know him very well

YES, SIR.



SHE IS GOING TO GO NUTS WHEN SHE FINDS OUT.

Impressions
How long have you been a partner?

I think someone is talking about me.

ONE PROBLEM.

SHIBAZAKI CAN HELP TO FACILITATE THE INFORMATION GATHERING.

YEAH, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.



SHUNSAKU
IS
THE EXPERT
READER'S
REVIEW
YOUR WORK?



WHAT'S
HOW RUDE.
IT WAS
MY IDEA!



ARE YOU
WRITING
THOSE
REVIEWS AT
SOMEONE'S
DIRECTION?



WHAT?
YOU'VE
SEEN IT?



IF THERE'S
A PAGE
RECOMMENDING
BOOKS,
WHY NOT CREATE
ONE THAT DOES
THE OPPOSITE?
I PUT THE IDEA
FORWARD AND
THE DIRECTOR
GAVE ME THE
GO-AHEAD.



CAN YOU
BELIEVE IT?
AN OFFICIAL
WEBSITE
SIPPING ON
BOOKS.
AWESOME.



I'M
PLATTERED.
MR. BUTE
TASK FORCE
IS INTERESTED
IN MY WORK.



LAYING IT
ON THICK,
AREN'T YOU?





I'VE
STARTED
GOING
TO HIS
"FUTURE
OF THE
LIBRARY"
MEETINGS.



HE FOUND
OUT THAT I
WAS YOUR
ROOMMATE
WHEN WE
HAD A CHAT
THE OTHER
DAY.



THERE'S LOTS OF
PEOPLE THERE
THEY SURE KNOW
WHAT THEY'RE
DOING!
IT'S PROBABLY
THE BIGGEST
COMMUNITY EVER
TO COME OUT OF
THE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
OF JAPAN.



HE SEEMS
REALLY
CONCERNED
ABOUT YOU.



YOUR BROTHER
THE LEADER
AND HE'S
ONLY
THIRTYISH.
Awesome!



WHAT'S
IT LIKE TO
HAVE A
BROTHER
LIKE
THAT?!

Hello,
I'm Kiro Yumi.

This is the seventh
volume of the
Library Man:
Love & War series.

Volume 7, now...
It was so fast.

Your support means
everything to me.
Without it,
I couldn't have
come this far
and survived
the trip.

I'm the luckiest
person I know.

Thank you!

It may not be
the best artwork,
but I hope you
enjoy it from cover
to cover.

GOT TO
USE THE
HEAD.

Hey
TETSUKA
...?

WHAT IS
HE LIKE
AT
HOME...?

flip

*What is
he like,
you ask?*

Well.

I have
nothing
to say
about
him.

He had name recognition as a son of the president of the association. Soon enough, he proved more than capable of living up to the family name.

My brother, 5 years older than me, got a job at a library after graduating from university. At the same time, he took a position with the Library Association of Japan.

I was a junior in high school when he left home.



YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN EXECUTIVE AND HELP DAD, RIGHT?

BY THEN I WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY'S DEFENSE FORCE. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.



My brother changed after three years on the job.



NO, YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING,
SATOSHI!

YOU DON'T
UNDER-
STAND,
DAD!
A CHANGE
HAS TO
BE MADE!

...dangerous
to accepting
governmental
censorship.

Local
Administration
Library

As a local
administration,
a library
can maintain
autonomy.

BAM

CAN'T
YOU BE
MORE
OPEN-
MINDED?!

Becoming a
governmentic
organization
...

Media Settlement Committee
Central
Administration
Government
Organization

I
thought
he
was
out of
his
mind.

He
stuck
by it.

*Libraries
should
become a
centralized
government
organization.*

My
brother's
point of
view
was...



The two of them couldn't resolve their differences so my brother left home.



CONGRATS
ON GETTING
INTO THE
UNIVERSITY,
HIKARU!

IT'S A
WATCH.
IT'LL
LOOK
GREAT
ON YOU.

He...

I knew he
wanted to
win me over
to his side of
the debate.

BRONZE

WHAT WILL
YOU HAVE?
IT'S ON ME.
WE HAVE TO
CELEBRATE.

...only
kept
in touch
with me
after he
left.





Satoshi.

You
simply
don't
get it.

KEEP
IT UNTIL
THE DAY
THINGS
ARE OKAY
BETWEEN
US AGAIN.



...I was at
home
taking
care of
mom,
studying...

...and
waiting
for your
return.

Every...

...single
day.

While you were
busy hoisting
your way up
the ladder
with our
family name...

Every
day I
imagined
you
walking
through
the door...

...ready to
mend this
family back
together.



I waited
for you.

You used
to be
everything...

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!





WE EXPLAINED THAT THE REVIEWS ARE THE PERSONAL OPINIONS OF A LIBRARIAN AND DON'T REPRESENT THE LIBRARY'S VIEWS.

IT SPARKED AN AVALANCHE OF COMPLAINTS FROM LIBRARIANS AND PUBLISHERS.

I learned you about telling her to take it down.

Of all books he drags my favorite through the mud.









Maybe I'm
afraid of
thinking
about
him.

The watch
he gave me
has been
sitting at
home in a
drawer for
five years.

Haunting Memory of the Boss

Reporting on Benagawa

What about the aggressive tone he uses?

He thought it would spice things up.

He said the idea was his, not an order.

What did he say?

Viewers are advised to use discretion. So it's their responsibility if they get offended, according to him

A warning is posted on the top of the page

Is that so...?

What is he, a literary

Can't you critics just take it down?

But he can't bring himself to do it.

Yukio knows that a desire for revenge can be fulfilled if he unleashes Kurohige upon Benagawa.

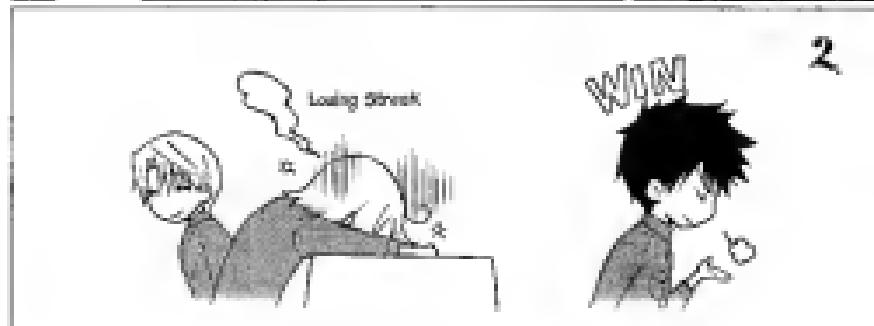
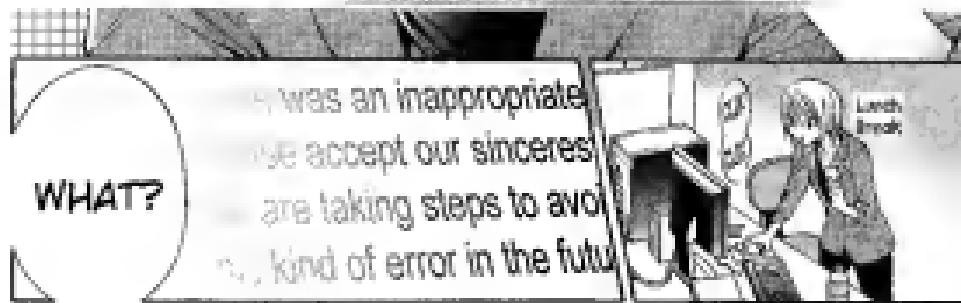
Some feel it rather smugly



CHAPTER 30



THE EXPERT READER'S REVIEW has been removed.



Thank you for your understanding.

Sadahiko Eto, Director of Musashino Main Library



We hope that garbage like this will never be published again!

HE WENT TOO FAR IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF HIS LATEST REVIEW.

IF THE WEBSITE WEREN'T TAKEN DOWN AND AN APOLOGY ISSUED, WE MAY HAVE FACED LEGAL ACTION.

THE PUBLISHER'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT CONTACTED US, SAYING THE REVIEW WAS TANTAMOUNT TO A LIBRARY-SANCTIONED BAN.

THEY ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT, NOT A FRIENDLY WARNING.

...how did she single that one out? It's like finding a needle in a haystack.

ANYWAYS.

She knew that sentence was going to be the nail in the coffin.

SUNASHAWA ALREADY GOT ONE LIE IN THE COFFIN

Him.

WELL, NO BIG SURPRISE THERE, THOUGH.

THE LIBRARIAN DEPARTMENT WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. SUNASHAWA'S IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE.

•
I always enjoy reading your letters.
I need them all.

Thank you very much.

I use or display many of the presents I receive—perhaps more than you'd think.

The smiling rabbit doll was the bomb!

I have a soft spot for handmade cell phone cases and dolls.

I'm not good at stuff like that, so they just blow my mind.

Crafty and dedicated... two qualities I'd kill to have for myself.

•
•





...UPSET
BECAUSE OF
THE RECENT
RASH OF
COMPLAINTS?



I DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY
PEOPLE
THOUGHT
YOUR IDEA WAS
AMUSING...

LIBRARIES ARE
A PLACE FOR
PEOPLE WHO
LOVE BOOKS!
YOUR ACTIONS
WERE
INEXCUSABLE.

...BUT THERE
WERE A LOT
OF PEOPLE
WHO WERE
HURT BY YOUR
DISDAINFUL
REMARKS!

YOU CHOSE
TO HAVE
YOUR
FEELINGS
HURT.
THAT'S...

...THERE WAS A
DISCLAIMER.
IT ADVISED YOU TO
USE YOUR OWN
DISCRETION.



HOW CAN
I NOT
DISLIKE
YOU!

IF YOU
SAY IT'S
NOT
YOUR
FAULT...

...I
WILL KILL
YOU.

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
KIND OF
TRAINING
I GO
THROUGH
EVERY
DAY?

THAT
WAS OUT
OF LINE,
KASA-
HARA.

IS
THAT
THE
STORE-
ROOM?

SEE HOW
HARD THE
FLOOR IS?
IT AIN'T NO
TATAMI.

LIKE I
CARE.
HE'S
NOT
WORTH
IT.

GOD.

BYE!

GIVE ME
THREE
SECONDS
AND YOU'RE
DEAD.





Indeed.

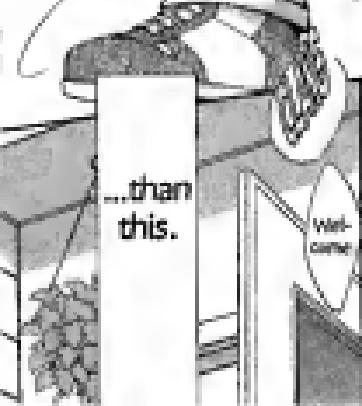


...than this.



If I was
like you,
Kasa-
hara...

...things
would
have been
better...



Look at me.
My legs
shake at the
thought of
talking to
my own
brother.

UGH

Talk
about
brother-
hood.

HIKARU.



ARE YOU
WILLING TO
JOIN OUR
"FUTURE
OF THE
LIBRARY"
GROUP,
HIKARU?

IT'S A
RESEARCH
GROUP
SUPPORTING
MY BELIEFS.

...same bullshit.
You never say
what I want
to hear.

Same face,
same
voice...

A GROUP RUN
BY THE SONS OF
THE PRESIDENT
OF THE LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
OF JAPAN.
THAT'S WHAT YOU
WANT, ISN'T IT?

I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
UP TO,
BRO.

FIVE YEARS
LATER AND
YOU'RE STILL
LOOKING TO
EXPLOIT OUR
FAMILY NAME.

IS THAT
WHY
YOU'RE
MAD?

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

!



YOU'RE MY
BROTHER.
I CARE
ABOUT YOU.

IT'S NOTHING
LIKE THAT.
FAMILY
OR NOT,
INCOMPE-
TENCE
IS NEVER
DESIRABLE.

BUT YOU?
I WOULD HAVE
WANTED YOU IF
YOU HAD BEEN
A TOTAL
STRANGER.



I KNEW YOU
WOULD BE A
SUCCESS.
I'VE SEEN YOU
GROW SINCE YOU
WERE BORN.



I'M
DONE
HERE.



MY
OPINIONS
ARE THE
SAME.



I DON'T
VALUVE
YOUR
INSIGHTS.



...there were
other things
you were
supposed
to ask.

...that
you
care ...

If you
wanted to
pretend...





Whether
I need it
or not,
he will never
offer an
apology.

YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED,
HIKARI.

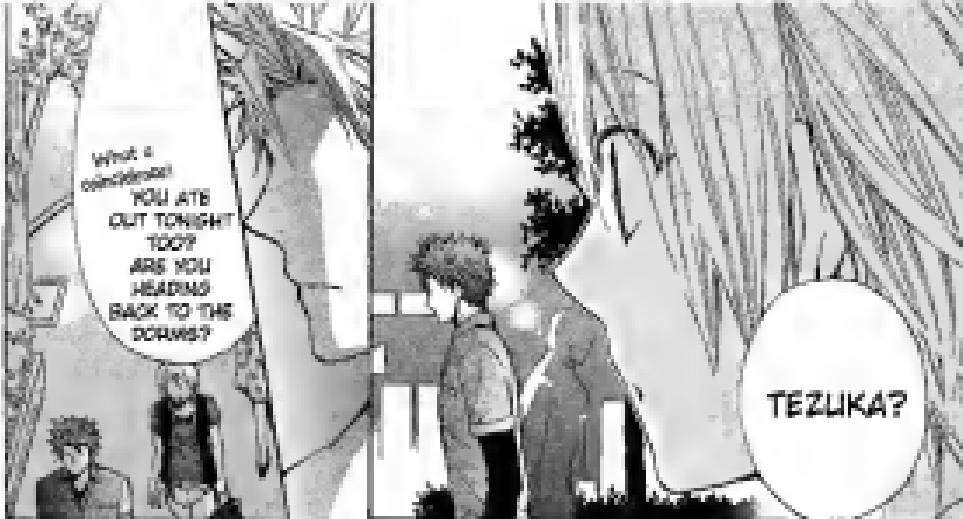
I'M NOT
ONE TO
GIVE UP
EASILY.

AND YOU
KNOW I
HAVEN'T
EITHER.

YOU
WILL
BE...

...MINE.





TEZUKA?



Next day
Combat
Training

WHAAAAT!

...

HEP
HEP

BUT...

DOOM

HE'S...

...VERY
FIERCE
TODAY.

I'M
NEXT.

Next
up.

YEP.





DON'T YOU
KNOW?
IF YOU WALK
AWAY WITHOUT
A RESPECTFUL
BOW TO THE
OPPONENT...

Dash

NEXT.





YOU'RE
SO BUSY
FEELING
SORRY FOR
YOURSELF
YOU FORGOT
HOW TO
TREAT YOUR
FRIENDS.



IS THIS
WHO YOU
ARE?
I DON'T
THINK
SO!



IF YOU
NEED TO
WORK
IT OFF,
WELL,
I'M HERE.



LET
IT OUT
LIKE A
MAN!



DON'T
KEEP
STUFF
BOTTLED
UP!





As
crazy
as
it
is...

It's a
shame
she's a
woman

Don't
tell
her
that

...NEVER
ANYONE
LIKE HER.

That's
harsh.

I
beg
you.
Evolve
from
ape to
human.

I'VE
MET A
LOT OF
PEOPLE,
BUT...

INDEED.

A VERY
UNUSUAL
WOMAN.



IS THAT
WHAT YOU
WANTED TO
TELL ME?



...this is
where I
belong
now.



I DON'T
BELIEVE
YOU.

IT MUST
BE A
MISTAKE.



THE
REPORTER
WHO
TIPPED
ME OFF IS
A FRIEND.

IT'S
CREDIBLE.



MUSASHINO
MAIN LIBRARY
HAS ENGAGED
IN THE
UNAUTHORIZED
DESTRUCTION
OF BOOKS.

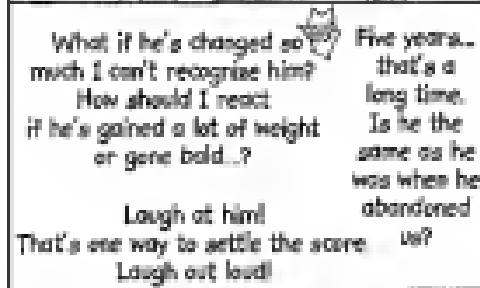
HE
TOLD
ME...

...ABOUT A
STORY HE'S
WORKING ON.
"THE SECOND
MODERN
BOOK
BURNING."

Book burning.

It's the worst crime
a library can commit.

Brother's Angst





CHAPTER 31

Secret Admirer part 6





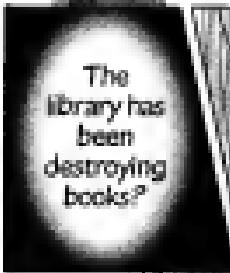
3.



MUSASHINO
MAIN
LIBRARY IS
DESTROYING
BOOKS
BEHIND
CLOSED
DOORS.

HE
SAID...

...HE WAS
GOING TO
WRITE
ABOUT IT
AS THE
SECOND
MODERN
BOOK
BURNING.



How...?

The
humiliation
would be
unbearable.

...we'll be
condemned
as a bunch of
hypocrites.

If it's
exposed...

If I had known,
I could have done
something to make
it stop.

WHAT IF
I TELL YOU
THAT THE
STORY
DOESN'T
HAVE TO
HIT THE
PAPER?

HE OWES
ME A
FAVOR.
I COULD
ASK HIM
NOT TO
PUBLISH IT...

THE
REPORTER
IS A
GOOD
FRIEND
OF MINE.

...IF
YOU WISH,
MISS
SUBAZAKI.

How could
I let this
escape my
attention?

WE
CAN
SAVE
THE
MAIN
LIBRARY.

But is it the right thing to do?

WELCOME BACK.

This is not just about one library, but the entire country's library system.

Yes, we can be saved.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE DECIDED.

IT CAN WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT.





HMM.

"Cover up."

I THINK I
WOULD TRY
TO CONVINCE
HIM TO TURN
HIMSELF IN.

Indeed.

ARE YOU
LISTENING,
SHIBAZAKI?

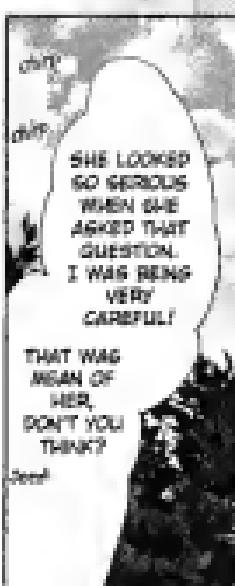
That's
what's
been
bothering
me.

THE LAST
THING I
WOULD
WANT IS TO
ENCOURAGE
HIM TO DO
MORE
CRIMINAL
THINGS.

AND
THINGS
WOULD GET
WORSE IF
PEOPLE
FOUND OUT
HE TRIED TO
COVER
IT UP.



My mind
is already
made up.



SHE LOOKED
SO SERIOUS
WHEN SHE
ASKED THAT
QUESTION.
I WAS BEING
VERY
CAREFUL!

THAT WAS
MEAN OF
HER,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

Yeah!



HUG

KASAHARA!

WHOA!

I LOVE
YOU,
YOU
KNOW
THAT?

SURE...
WHATEVER!

There
is
nothing
to
decide.

OH
SORRY.
DID I MAKE
YOUR BRAIN
OVERHEAT?

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY
TO
ME?

YOU
WEREN'T
LISTENING
AT ALL!

WOULDN'T
YOU SAY
THE SAME
THING?

ANYWAY,
THAT REALLY
SOUNDS LIKE
YOU...
"TURN
YOURSELF
IN."

No

MAYBE...

THE GAME
DOES FOR
YOU, RIGHT?
IF I TOOK
PART IN A
CRIME...

IF YOU DID
SOMETHING
CRIMINAL,
INSTRUCTOR
DOJO,
I WOULD WANT
YOU TO OWN
UP TO WHAT
YOU DID.

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
"SOMEONE YOU
CARE DEEPLY
ABOUT."

WELL...
I WAS
JUST, UM,
TRYING TO
MAKE A POINT
USING SOMEONE
WE BOTH
KNOW
AS AN
EXAMPLE.

LIKE HOW
WOULD IT FEEL
IF ONE OF YOUR
COLLEAGUES
WAS A
CRIMINAL?

It could
be thanks to
Instructor
Kanata

NEVER
MIND!
I NEED TO
RUN
ANOTHER
LAP.

STUPID
QUESTION.

OH.

WHAT?

BLOO-
HEAD.

JEEZ.



REGARDING
WHAT WE
DISCUSSED
YESTER-
DAY...

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
ASKED ME.
YOU KNOW
THE RIGHT
THING TO
DO.

Nice
going
You

YOU'D
BE THE
LAST
PERSON
TO EVER
GET
MIXED
UP IN A
CRIME.

I HAD TO GIVE
YOU THE
OPTION,
BUT I WASN'T
READY TO
HEAR A
YES.

I WAS SO
NERVOUS.

GOD,
I'M
GLAD
YOU
SAID
THAT.

SOON

YOU
SURE?

YEAH.

I'M JUST
HAPPY I CAN
KEEP ON
LIKING YOU
WITHOUT
FEELING
GUILTY.

Recently—actually, for a long time—I've had a habit of making too many typos and misspellings and fubus when I speak.

I'm very disappointed with myself... especially with the fubus.

I used to be a smooth talker. I was better at making people laugh. So when I came across a charismatic talker on TV or friends who are good conversationalists, I'm easily impressed.

I seek out as many things, don't I? But life is good!

3
I HOPE I WILL SOMEDAY.

4
I'M NOT GOING TO FALL FOR YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU COMFORT ME IN A MOMENT OF VULNERABILITY.

WE BELIEVE THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY SPECIFIC BOOKS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MURASAKI MAIN LIBRARY.

WE BELIEVE THAT A FEW INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE OVERZEALOUS IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO CENSORSHIP, CONVINCED THEMSELVES THIS WAS IN THE LIBRARY'S BEST INTERESTS.

AS DIRECTOR, I SINCERELY REGRET SUCH AN ACTION WAS ALLOWED TO OCCUR.

WE OFFER OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES.







CORPORAL
KAZUKI
SUNAGAWA,
LIBRARIAN
DEPART-
MENT.



YOU'VE
BEEN
SUMMONED
TO AN
INQUIRY.



SUNA-
GAWA?



HE'LL HAVE TO ENDURE MONTHS OF THAT AND HE'LL BE A PARIAH IN THE DORMS AND AT WORK.

THEY INTEND TO COERCE HIM INTO ACCEPTING THE ROLE OF THE SCAPEGOAT.

IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE TO CRUCIFY HIM.

I'D RATHER THEY BREAK MY BONES THAN PUT ME THROUGH THAT KIND OF ABUSE.

THEY'LL PUT HIM THROUGH THE WRINGER.

Is it true, sir??

WHAT??

...YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH IT BEFORE, INSTRUCTOR DOJO.

YOU SOUND LIKE...

DID
YOU GET
CAUGHT
UP IN
SOME
INTRIGUE?

SHUT
UP.
WE'RE
ON DUTY.

FOR WHAT, SIR??
I CAN'T IMAGINE
YOU EVER
GETTING IN
TROUBLE!

7

OR DID YOU GET CALLED UP ONE OF CHIEF CHENOWETH'S MESSAGE?

LISTEN!
EVERY-
ONE...

... HAS
SOMETHING
IN THEIR
PAST THEY
WOULD
RATHER
FORGET.
GOT IT?

Great

And here I thought I finally found his weakness.

Good morning

I spent the next few days in dauntless pursuit of the truth.

THIS TOPIC WILL NEVER BE SPOKEN OF AGAIN! THAT'S AN ORDER, CORPORAL!

YES, SIR.

SPARE A MOMENT, DOCTOR?

This is totally unfair.

I tried calling Maria.

Man to man

no luck at all.

One

shot to block head

WHAT?!

He knows all my embarrassing secrets but never shares any of his own.

THAT'S
OUT
OF THE
QUESTION!







THAT'S
OUT
OF THE
QUESTION!



That
means...



Standing
up for
me...

...shouting
in my defense,
not concerned
with who might
hear him?



...he was
upset
because
of me...



Not
doubting
me for a
moment.





Knowing
that I have his
trust makes
me strong and
helps me stay
in control.

YES,
SIR.



I WOULD
LIKE TO
CLEAR MY
NAME.



If I tell him
his trust
means the
world to
me...



TEAM POLICE
REPORT
TO THE
CONFERENCE
ROOM.
WE NEED TO
PREPARE!



KEEP
THAT DETER-
MINED
LOCK ON
YOUR
FACE.

GOOD.



...what
will he
say?



I WILL
PROTECT
YOU.

IT'S...

GOOD
GIRL.

...A
PROMISE.



1UP

NO.

WE
WILL
PROTECT
YOU.

IT'S A
PROMISE!



Run, Iku, run!



Dowdy humor.

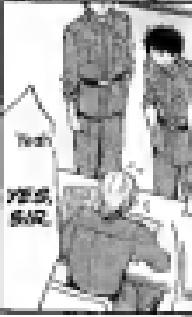


CHAPTER 32

YOU HAVE
UNTIL NOON
TRANSCRIBE
THEM ALL
A HUNDRED
TIMES.

A LIST OF THE
MOST LIKELY
QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS
FOR YOUR
INQUIRY.

THIS IS
THE BEST THE
THREE OF US
COULD
MUSTER
ON SHORT
NOTICE.



YES.
THAT'S THE
FASTEST
WAY FOR
YOUR TYPE
TO REACTIONS.
DO IT NOW!



A HUNDRED
TIMES...?!

REVENGE - MATCH!

4.

Keep
trying all
you want.



Say the
magic word and
you will win.





ONE HOUR EARLIER

2ND CON





I'D GUESS...

THEN WHY ME?

THEIR INQUIRY IS NOT FOR YOU TO DEFEND YOURSELF.

SUGAHARA IS JUST A PATRY. THEY WANT TO PIN THIS ON US.



THINGS HAVE BEEN LOOKING BAD FOR THEM SINCE TOBA'S FAILURE. THIS IS THEIR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO EXACT REVENGE.

THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL THEY'LL WASTE THIS CHANCE.

CHIEF SUGAHARA IS A VOCAL PROponent OF THE LIBRARY FREEDOM ACT. THEY'RE DIGGING FOR ANYTHING THEY CAN USE TO DISCREDIT HIM AND THE TASK FORCE.



A collection of my short stories was published in January of 2011. It's titled *Bouquet to Wakaba Knight*. If you're interested, it's available now.

This opportunity might not have come to me were it not for the success of this series. I have so many reasons to thank everyone involved and all the people who support me!

Thank you,
thank you,
thank you!

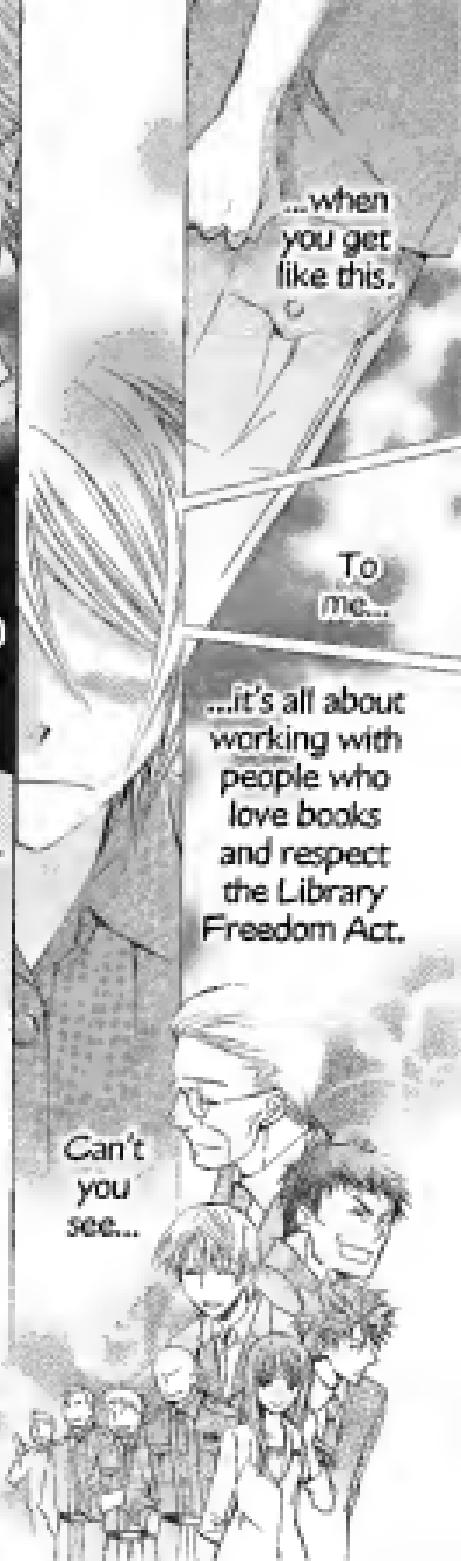




...that I'm
proud
to be
working
under
you,
Instructor
Dojo?

To
me...

...it's all about
working
with
people who
love books
and respect
the Library
Freedom Act.



Can't
you
see...

KAGAHARA.

WHY
IS YOUR
PEN NOT
MOVING?









... THAT
SUMAGAWA
TOOK A LEAVE
OF ABSENCE AND
RETURNED
HOME?

How long
has he been
standing on
the roof?

DID YOU
HEAR...

Um.
AREN'T YOU
SUPPOSED
TO BE
RUNNING
DRILLS WITH
KOMARI AND
TEZUKA?



THINGS WILL
GET HARDER.
AND HARDER
FOR YOU.

WITHOUT HIM,
THIS WON'T
BE SETTLED
QUICKLY.

THIS IS
GOING TO
BE A
MARATHON.

THIS
IS AN
ORDER.

LET ME
KNOW WHEN IT
BECOMES TOO
MUCH FOR
YOU!



YES,
SIR!

The
truth?



TIMP

I'm
terrified.

TIMP

I could run
away like
Sunagawa.

IT'S JUST
AN EXCUSE
TO CREEP
NOW.

...and
holding
my head
up high.

Excuse
me.

REI!

But
here
I am,
gearing
up for a
fight...



Because
I know
I'm not
alone.

IKU
KASAHARA,
CORPORAL,
LIBRARY
REPORTING
AS
REQUESTED,
SIR.



This
man is...



State
your full
name and
rank again.

Yes,
sir.

The current
leader of the
apologist
faction.

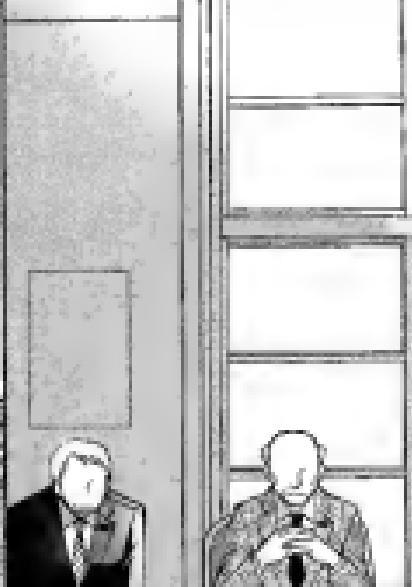
Take
a
seat.

Yes,
sir.

...Colonel
Miyumasa
Hikoe.

OKAY.

SHALL
WE
BEG IN?





✓ Instructor
Dojo's
hand-
writing.

1997/98
DATA REPORT
EDUCATION.

I WOULD
TAKE IT
BACK IF I
COULD.

That day...

I CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD BE CAVALIER IN PLAINTING AUTHORITY. YOU DIDN'T EVEN HAVE

FOR INSTANCE, WHILE YOU WERE IN TRAINING, YOU MADE AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT BOOKS DURING A PUBLIC SALE.

HEM
YOU'LL BE
LIKE YOU'D
FIT RIGHT
IN WITH
THE HARD-
LINES.

WITH THE
ARMED
LIBRARY

I protected
a child's
smile.

Why would I ever take that back?

THE
DIFFERENCE
IS HE WAS A
SERGEANT
AND HAD
AUTHORITY
ENOUGH
TO ARREST.

THE
PRESIDENT
WAS SET BY
ANOTHER
OFFICER.—
ALSO,
APPARENTLY,
A TRAITOR.



Tell me
who my
prince is.

Simply
automat-
ed power

Our right to
collect books
is not some-
thing you can
decide when
I take
your baby

Now's my
chance

Who
was
he?

I want
to ask.



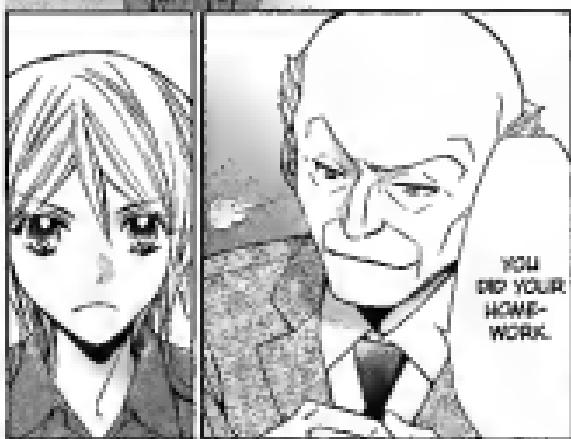
Just one question...

SPEAK
ONLY WHEN
SPOKEN TO.





...WILL
THIS
KEEP
YOU
SAFE.



I didn't rehearse an answer to this!

Instructor Dojo would say the same thing.

WE SHOULD PROTECT BOOKS THAT SUPPORT CENSORSHIP JUST AS WE WOULD ANY OTHER BOOKS.

I KNOW HIS NAME. HE'S A ROOMMATE OF CORPORAL TEZUKA.

A SPEAKING ACQUAINTANCE... JUST ONE OF MANY COLLEAGUES.

ON JULY 12TH, CORPORAL SHINAGAWA TOOK STEPS TO DENY PATRONS ACCESS TO CERTAIN BOOKS.

PATRONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE SUCH EVALUATIONS FOR THEMSELVES.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIS ACTIONS?

Oh.



That?!

I DIDN'T
HELP HIM
CARRY A
BOX.

WAIT A
MINUTE!

I DON'T
HEAR A
DENIAL.

HE PUT THESE BOOKS IN BOXES IN THE SECOND STOREROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR, AND TRANSPORTED THEM TO THE THIRD STOREROOM IN THE PUBLIC TOWER.

CORPORAL KASAHARA ASSISTED CORPORAL SUNAGAWA IN TRANSPORTING THE BOOKS, DURING WHICH TIME CORPORAL KASAHARA AND CORPORAL SUNAGAWA HAD A DISAGREEMENT AND PARTED WAYS.



YOU THINK I HAVE
X-RAY VISION?
I SAID I COULDN'T
TELL JUST BY
PICKING IT UP!



...had the
targeted
books
inside...

If
those
boxes...

Watch
your
mouth,
Corporal
Kusakabe



...does that
make me an
accomplice?





IT'S THREE
O'CLOCK, SIR.
KASAHARA
NEEDS TO GET
BACK TO WORK.

EXCUSE
US.

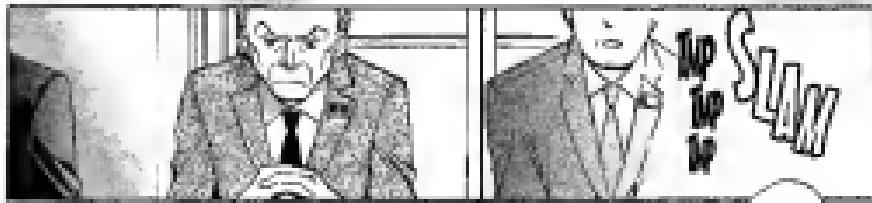
COME,
KASA-
HARA!

I-I DON'T
MEAN
NEVER
LIKE THAT,
BUT WE
DIDN'T...!

My
mind is
blank.



YES,
SIR!









If I cry,
it's like
giving in
to them.

Look...
this is
isn't
a game

I was
vulnerable.

And...

...his consoling
hand felt
wonderful
on my head.

I didn't
realize
the
hardest
part was
yet to
come.

It felt
like he
rescued
me from
the
gallows.

Treat With Care!



...and it earned

Instructor

500

Dojo some

500

attention from

300

the accounting

300

department.

But

that's

another

story

I smashed

the record

for the

number

of pins

knocked

up in

one day.



CHAPTER 33



...HAVING ME
BRING A
VOICE
RECODER
TO THE
INQUIRY...?

breast pocket

ON

WHAT'S
TALKING
ABOUT?

IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT
THEY
NEGLCTED
TO CHECK!

WHO
COULD HAVE
KNOWN IT
WAS
RECORDING
THE WHOLE
TIME,
EAT?

BOFF
BOFF
IT'S JUST A
PERSONAL
POSSESSION
THAT
HAPPENED TO
BE IN YOUR
POCKET.
YOU
CARELESSLY
FORGOT TO
REMOVE IT
BEFORE THE
INQUIRY IS
ALL!



The result of careful planning







6
*
This is the last
slide of the
volume.

Thanks so
much for reading
all this way.
I'm thinking you
very often in this
volume, aren't I?

You've heard
me say this
enough times,
but I enjoy drawing
the characters.
This volume is
no exception!

If you could *sense*
that by reading
this manga,
it would make me
more than happy.

Bye-bye!

Special Thanks
are at the end of
the book.

Kaho Yumi
7/2/03



YOU
BLOCK-
HEAD.
WHY
DON'T
YOU
TURN IT
OFF?!



...ABOUT
ABUSING
AUTHORITY...
AND THE SERGEANT
WHO COLLECTED
BOOKS AND GOT
INTO TROUBLE.

WHAT
HE'S
SAID...

DO YOU
THINK HE WAS
SUMMONED TO
AN INQUIRY
BECAUSE
OF ME?

WHAT...
...AS
IT

WOULD
YOU
REALLY
TAKE IT
BACK?

GIVEN
ANOTHER
CHANCE,
WOULD YOU
STILL GIVE
THE BOOK
TO THAT
BOY AND HIS
MOTHER?

THE INQUIRY...
IT WAS A HORRIBLE
EXPERIENCE FOR ME.
THE PRESSURE,
THE CONSTANT
INSINUATION OF
GUILT.

IT BREAKS
MY HEART TO
THINK THAT
HE WENT
THROUGH THAT
BECAUSE
OF ME.



I WOULD
DO THE
EXACT
SAME
THING!



I'M SURE
YOUR
PRINCE
FEELS THE
SAME WAY.



YOU
REMIND
ME OF
HIM...
...INSTRU-
CTOR
DOJO.



YOU'RE LIKE A HERO.

EVER SINCE I JOINED THE FORCE.

...YOU'RE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO COME TO MY RESCUE.

AND COME TO THINK OF IT... THE WAY YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE.

Yep.

It's going to be fine.

Good!

The second you open your mouth, you ruin the hero image!

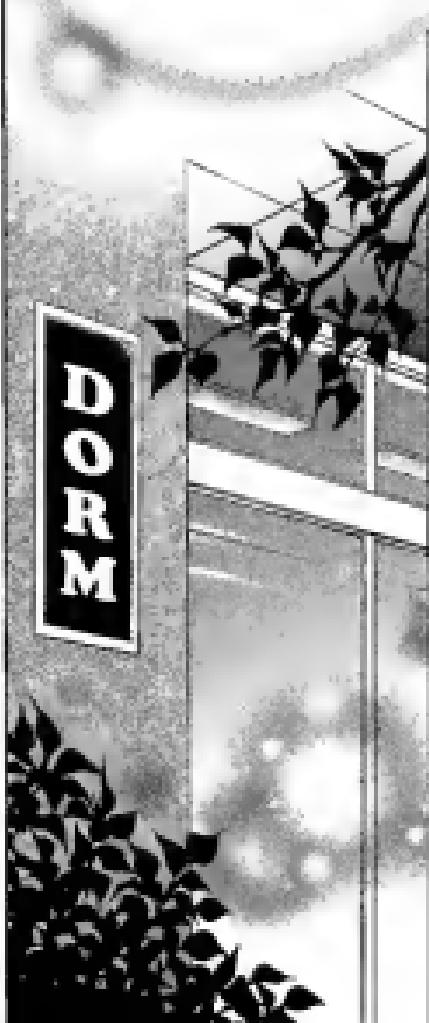
WATT
YOU'RE SO MEAN

...YOU ALWAYS GO OFF AND GET INTO TROUBLE! I HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOU, YOU BLOCKHEAD!

THAT'S BECAUSE...



I'll be fine as long as I still have the will to fight with Instructor Dojo.



SILENCE

CAFETERIA

WHAT'S
UP WITH
INSTRUC-
TOR
POJO?

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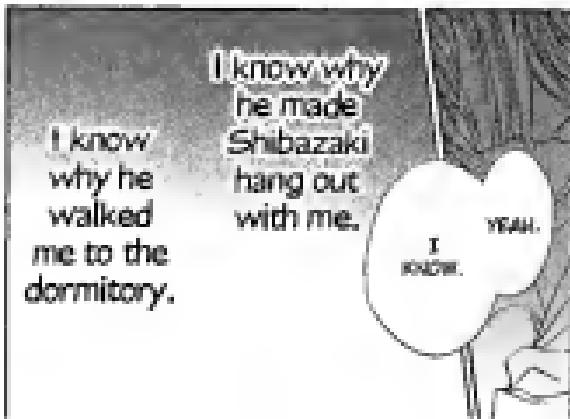


Oh.





...saying right now?





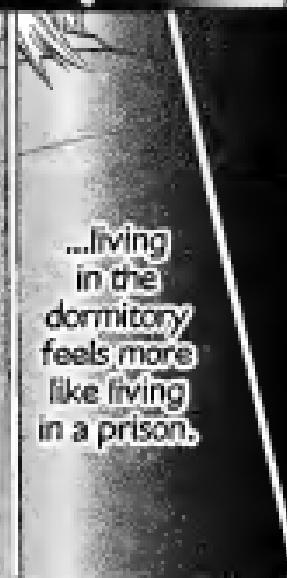
THINGS ARE
GOING TO GET
HARDER AND
HARDER
FOR YOU.



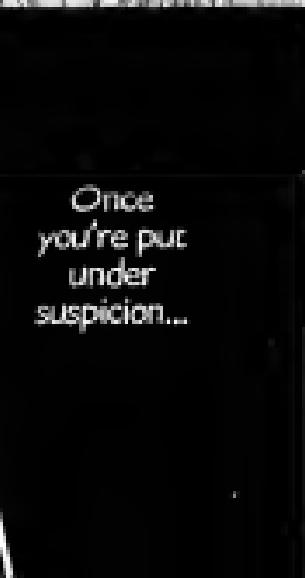
It didn't
take long...



EVERYONE
THINKS YOU'RE
CAPABLE OF
DOING
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



...living
in the
dormitory
feels more
like living
in a prison.



Once
you're put
under
suspicion...



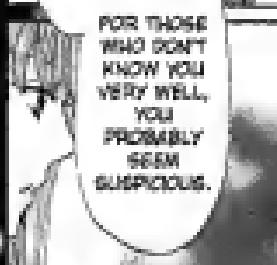
HANG IN THERE.



AS LONG AS YOU'RE
UNDER SUSPICION,
THINGS WILL STAY THIS WAY.



YOU CAN'T STAY
STILL WHEN
YOU HEAR
THE WORD
"CENSORSHIP."



FOR THOSE WHO DON'T
KNOW YOU VERY WELL,
YOU PROBABLY
SEEM SUSPICIOUS.



SUNAGAWA TOOK MOST
OF HIS BELONGINGS
WITH HIM,
INCLUDING ALL OF HIS CLOTHES.



HE WON'T BE
COMING BACK
ANY TIME SOON.
IT'S GOING
TO BE HARD
CLEARING
YOUR NAME
WITHOUT HIM.

THIS
IS AN
ORDER.

YEAH.

LET ME
KNOW WHEN
IT BECOMES
TOO MUCH
FOR YOU!

I WILL.

THEN
IT'S A
PROMISE.

ONE ONE

MORNING.

GOOD
MORNING,
SUNSHINE!





THEIR
TARGET
IS KASA-
HARA.

UNFORTU-
NATELY,
SUNAGAWA
IS ON LEAVE
AND IS NOT
HERE TO
CONFIRM.
THE
SUBJECT
IS ON
HOLD
FOR
THE
MOMENT.

AS I HAVE
ALREADY
EXPLAINED,
TEZUKA WAS
WITH ME WHEN
IT OCCURRED.
TEZUKA
WILL BE
ABLE TO
VERIFY MY
STORY.

HOW MANY
INJURIES WILL
SHE HAVE TO
ENDURE?

BAM

THE COMMANDER
HAS TRIED
INTERVENING ON
HER BEHALF,
SENDING A
REQUEST FOR
LENITY,
BUT IT MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE.

WHY WON'T
THEY SUMMON
ME?







...THAT
YOU'RE
FINE?

ARE
YOU
SURE...

Instructor
Dojo.





It's
becoming
too much
for me.

LET ME
KNOW
WHEN IT
BECOMES
TOO MUCH
FOR YOU!



Shibasaki is
the only person
who looks me
in the eye.



Help.



I can't see
the light
at the end
of the tunnel.



Yet I sense
condemning looks
from a
distance.



Nobody
dares
come
near me.



Help.



I'M
FINE!



But...



You
Worry
too
much



I
SEE.

If
Instructor
Dojo and
my prince
endured
it...

Give me
strength.

WHAT'S
ON YOUR
MIND?

DOJO

...I will
stand
strong
and do the
same.





ROOM
302,
CORPORAL
KASAWARA.

YOU
HAVE A
CALL
WAITING.

PLEASE
COME TO
THE
RESIDENT
OFFICE.

FISSSSHH

Summer
is around
the
corner.
It's
raining.

1SHH

ARE
YOU GOING
TO THE
LIBRARY?
WHERE'S
YOUR
UMBRELLA?

IT WAS
SUDENLY.
WASN'T IT?
COME ON.
LET'S SHARE
MINE.

I'm on my way
back from grocery
shopping

THANK
YOU

Today...

LET'S
GO!

MARIE,
IS THAT
YOU?

Hello.
I'm Marie
Nakazawa.

BONUS MANGA



...I would
like to talk
about a little
adventure
I had.

BONUS MANGA

...SORRY.

I'M
SO...

HH,
KAGAHURA...

YOU'RE
SOAKED, TOO.
DRY YOURSELF
AND GET
CHANGED.

After you pull
yourself
together,

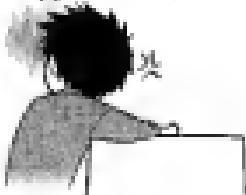
LOOK.
YOU TRIED TO
HELP MARIE.
WHY WOULD
I GET ANGRY
ABOUT
THAT?

There
was no
need to worry.
Marie
was
unhurt.

If it weren't for me,
Marie wouldn't
have gotten wet.
I am fully responsible
for your dear Marie
getting soaked.



Was that
your idea?



6.

Komaki's uniform.

THY'RE
A BIT
BADDY.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

I FOUND
SOME
CLEAN
CLOTHES.

FNP

I'm
sorry for
causing
trouble.

Thanks
so much, Ito

I'M REALLY
SORRY.
WHEN I
GET OFF DUTY,
I'LL GO BACK
TO THE DORMITORY
AND DRY YOUR
CLOTHES.

OUR TEAM
FINISHES
EARLY TODAY.
YOU CAN READ
BOOKS IN THE
WAITING ROOM
UNTIL WE'RE
DONE.

?

Would
you like
to have
a look
around?

You can
watch
Instructor
Kawaki
at work.

Who's
watching in
the building
now?

!!!

This is
going to be
different.

This is
true love.
I'm
falling
deep.

FOR A
TEENAGE GIRL,
NOTHING IS
COOLER THAN
A MAN IN
ACTION.

I FONDLY
REMEMBER THE
TIME I SPENT
IMAGINING
MY PRINCE
DEFENDING THE
LIBRARY.

YOU DON'T
GET IT,
DO YOU?

NO PROBLEM...
BUT ARE YOU
SURE WE
WON'T GET
BORED JUST
WATCHING
US WORK?

IT WON'T
BE A
PROBLEM,
RIGHT
BIRD?

There's
a cheer
leader.

BIRD

BIRD





Sometimes
I feel
jealous.





HOW
LONG
HAS SHE
BEEN
GONE?

Her
cell
phone
is
here.

HER
CELL
PHONE
IS
HERE.

I'm lost
in the
library!

I MEAN
YOU,
GIRL!

ALONE



A TREE
WAS
BLOWN
OVER IN
THE
STORM.

THEY
NEED
MORE
HANDS.
GET OUT
THERE!

FWSS SH

LOTS OF
STRANGE
MEN

NOW,
GO!

With
a
big
strong
woman
on
you

OH!

IN A
FRENZY

THWACK

SOAKING
WET



SHE'S
NOT A
MEMBER
OF THE
LIBRARY
FORCE.

PLEASE
EXCUSE
US.





DON'T YOU
EVER LEAVE
MY SIGHT...

...OR I WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU.

The three
of us
followed
wherever
you
went.
It
was
a
long
way.

Take
care of your
body while
we were
away.

How
did
you
find
me?

Congrats.
You found
her.
Back to
work.

LET'S
GO.







The more
I see them,
the more
I warm up
to them.

Mr. Dojo
and Ms.
Kaaahara

They're
just like
you said
they were!

When
I go to bed,
I reflect on
what
happened
that day.









HOW ARE YOU
HOLDING UP,
KASAHARA?



YES.
THANKS.



ARE YOU
GETTING
ENOUGH
SLEEP?

It's important
to get rest.

THE END

Special Thanks!!

Ms. Arikawa

Ms. Arikawa's editor (ASCII Media)

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Momoda, Murakami, Aoki

*

My family

*

My editor

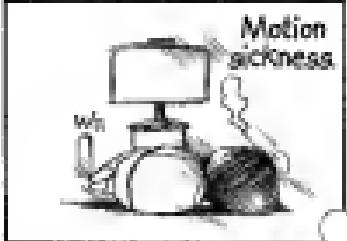
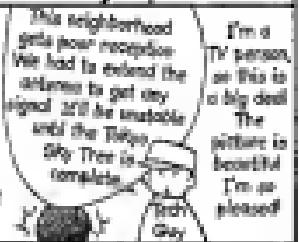
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Everyone who makes this series possible.

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Thanks so much for your support!

I'm a
gamer



I got used to it after a few days

Hope to see
you in the
next volume.

吉田由美
Kita Yumi



End notes

Page 16, panel 4: "Prince"

Volume 1 contains the whole story on how Doga ended up being Kasahara's mystery "Prince"!

Page 47, panel 1: Tatami

A woven mat used as traditional flooring material in Japan.

Page 48, panel 3: German Suplex

In Volume 6 (page 126), it was revealed that Ria learned all about suplex wrestling moves from her brother. The German suplex is a particularly powerful reverse body slam.

Page 111, panel 4: Spartan Agoge

This term refers to the training regimen undertaken by Spartan citizens in ancient Greece; important principles of the agoge included discipline and pain resistance.



Akira Yuki won the 42nd Lala Manga Grand Prix Fresh Debut award for her manga *Billy Soochairivo Yuumu* (Little Billy's Depression). Her latest series is *Tekkoku Sono Loveletter* (Library Wars: Love of War), which runs in Lala magazine in Japan and is published in English by VIZ Media.

Hiro Arikawa won the 10th Dengeki Novel Prize for her work *Shio no Mochi* (Pitch on My Precious) in 2003 and debuted with the same novel in 2004. Of her many works, Arikawa is best known for the Library Wars series and her *Nobita Sanbunika* trilogy, which consists of *Sora no Naka* (In the Sky), *Umi no Soko* (The Bottom of the Sea) and *Shio no Mochi* (City of Salt).

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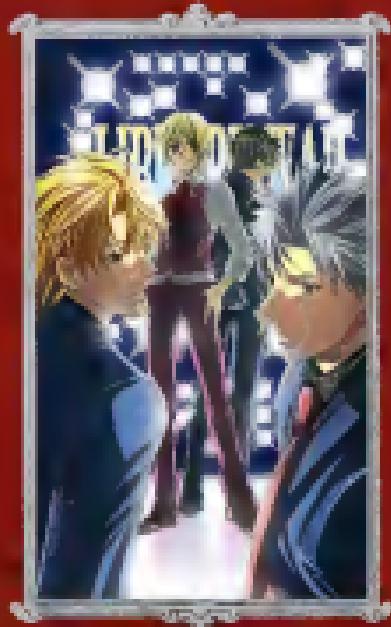
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Hikaru's big brother is working for the enemy, and he wants to reunite with Hikaru. Meanwhile, someone is posting negative reviews on the Library's website, and Kenkura intends to find out who. Lesser, personal issues are set aside when the Library Forces find out about a book burning on their home turf!

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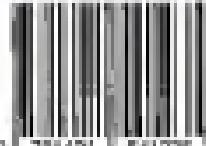
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